GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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MAOISTS VIOLENCE IN NEPAL
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maoists` violence has erupted in Nepal;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that a number of Indians have been assaulted and their property have been damaged in the violence; (

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a), (b), (c) and (d)

Consequent to the unilateral withdrawal from dialogue by Maoists and subsequent wide spread violence resorted to by them in Nepal since November 23, Government of Nepal has initiated a number of steps including the declaration of a nationwide emergency and issuance of the Terrorism and Disruptive Activities Control and Punishment Ordinance on November 26 to restore normalcy and order in the country. Security personnel, including the Royal Nepalese Army, have launched operations against the Maoists.

Abductions, extortion and intimidation of members of the business community in Nepal, including those of Indian origin, have been resorted to in the past by Maoists in Nepal. However, targeting of any specific group or community, including Indians, has not come to our notice.

The Governments of both countries are in touch with each other in this regard and Government ofIndia has also extended its support to Government of Nepal for the steps taken by it to maintain peace and security in the country.